



# Activities For Babies

Babies learn by exploring their environment. They explore by using their whole body, mouths, hands, feet, skin, along with their senses.

Babies brains are growing faster that at any other time in their lives.

Everything that the baby experiences influences the way that the brain develops.

## *Treasure baskets (8 months+)*

Treasure Baskets offer a range of sensory materials for babies to explore that are natural or made from natural materials.

### Safety

- **Is the object too small? Are there choking hazards?**
- **Could there be a toxic coating?**
- **Are there small pieces that may fall off?**
- **Can it be cleaned between uses?**
- **Are there sharp edges?**

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# ideas for your child's treasure basket

## Natural objects

Large fir cones  
Large pebbles  
Citrus fruits (unpeeled)  
Large corks  
Piece of loofah

## Wooden objects

Small boxes  
Curtain rings  
Spatula  
Egg cups  
Small bowls

## Other

Puppy bone  
Toothbrush  
Beanie bags  
Marble eggs  
Tennis balls  
Cloth (various textures)  
Funnels

## Metal Objects

Spoons  
Egg Whisk  
Small tins  
Bell  
Tin lids  
Tea Strainer  
Large keys (on large key ring)

## Listening Objects

Small drum  
Wind up toys  
Rattles  
Dry rice in bottles  
Castanets  
Harmonica

